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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN J.)

SUBJECT:CODEL SOLARZ

REF: (A) STATE 67151, (B) STATE 62138

1. CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ AND HIS PERSONAL ADVISOR
STEPHEN SHALOM ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA
ACCORDING TO REVISED SCHEDULE OUTLINED REFTTEL A.

2. IN ADDITION TO AN EMBASSY BRIEFING, SOLARZ HAS RE-
QUESTED THE EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN MAKING A VARIETY OF
APPOINTMENTS. HIS FIRST PRIORITY IS A MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER. THE CONGRESSMAN IS WILLING TO GO TO
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CAPE TOWN, IF NECESSARY, TO MEET WITH VORSTER. PLEASE
ADVISE SOONEST IF CAPE TOWN SHOULD BE ADDED TO SCHEDULE.

3HIS NEXT PRIORITIES ARE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
R.F. BOTHA, AND NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER JOHN BURNS.

4. OTHER APPOINTMENTS HE HAS REQUESTED INCLUDE CHIEF

GATSHA BUTHELEZI, HELEN SUZMAN, HARRY OPPENHEIMER, PERCY QOBOZA, SONNY LEON, BENJAMIN POGRUND, AND RIE KILLEN, THE AFRICAN DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (RECOMMENDED TO CODEL BY SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY). IN

ADDITION, SOLARZ INDICATES THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AFRIKAANER AND AFRICAN JOURNALISTS, A MEMBER OF THE BROEDERBOND, YOUNG BLACK POLITICAL LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SASO.

5. CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO REQUEST THEIR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT WITH VORSTER. BUREAU UNDERSTANDS THAT TIGHT SCHEDULE MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT POST COULD ARRANGE ALL OF THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS, BUT THINK POST SHOULD BE ADVISED OF FULL SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY CODEL.

6. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO OBTAIN A VARIETY OF VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. FYI - CONGRESSMAN IS DRAFTING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD RESTRICT NEW US INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND REQUIRE US FIRMS TO ADHERE TO FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES CODE.

7. WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT CONGRESSMAN PREFERS A HEAVY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORKING SCHEDULE, FROM EARLY MORNING TO LATE AT NIGHT, INCLUDING WORKING SESSIONS DURING MEALTIMES. AIRPORT BRIEFINGS BETWEEN FLIGHTS, IF REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE, WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

8. AS CODEL WILL GO TO RHODESIA, SOLARZ WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE IN SALISBURY DURING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT.

9. CONGRESSMAN WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF AS MANY APPOINTMENTS AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON MARCH 21, AND PROTOCOL INFORMATION CONCERNING APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR SCHEDULED MEETINGS. VANCE

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